

Letts Take Two Towns and Rout Reds' Near Riga

Bolshevik Posts of Kaluzem and Kemmern, Southeast of Baltic Port, Are Occupied in Hot Battle

Allies Check For on Vega

Beat Off Attack, Inflicting Heavy Losses, and Suffer Only Two Casualties

STOCKHOLM, March 29 (By The Associated Press).—After a violent battle along the Mitau-Tukum Railway, Lettish forces have defeated the Bolsheviks and occupied the towns of Kaluzem and Kemmern, a dispatch from Libau says. Kaluzem is about twenty miles southwest of Riga.

Allied artillery was active yesterday in the vicinity of the village of Bolzela, says an Archangel dispatch, but the cloudy weather hindered the work of the aviators, who were observing the effects of the cannonade. In the meantime the Allied forces holding the road on both sides of the town were engaged in strengthening their positions.

A small infantry attack was made on the Allied position on the Vega front on Wednesday. In spite of a bombardment which preceded the attack, the Bolsheviks were repulsed and lost heavily. The Allies suffered only two casualties.

Conditions elsewhere along the front are unchanged, according to a headquarters report.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Arrival of the 168th Engineering Company at Murmansk, on the Archangel front, on March 25 was announced to-day by the War Department. It consists of fifteen officers and 133 men. The 167th Engineering Company, also ordered to that sector, is en route.

The engineers were ordered to Northern Russia to reinforce the little American force cooperating with Russians and the Allies. Their special task will be to improve the lines of communication to the coast and pave the way for ultimate safe withdrawal.

Japan Withdraws All but 26,000 Men From Siberia

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Japan has withdrawn all but 26,000 troops from Siberia, according to a statement by Viscount Uchida, Minister of Foreign Affairs, given in the Japanese Parliament, in answer to an interpellation on Siberian intervention, says a cable dispatch received from Tokyo to-day.

It is the policy of the Japanese government, the Minister declared, to remain aloof from the internal politics of Siberia; but in case of local traitor quillity being disturbed by Bolshevik uprisings, the troops might be called upon to cope with the danger.

Viscount Uchida said the Japanese troops would be withdrawn entirely from Siberia when the establishment of peace makes their stay unnecessary.

Allied Blockade Will Defeat Us, Bolshevik Cabinet Member Admits

STOCKHOLM, March 29.—A frank avowal that the position of the Bolshevik government had become absolutely intolerable was made at the recent international Bolshevik conference by M. Lunacharsky, Minister of Education in the Soviet government, according to a Petrograd dispatch. The minister is said to have confessed that the "Socialist conscience" of the very circles on which Bolshevikism is based is shaken at present.

Lunacharsky also admitted that the worst enemy of Bolshevikism was the Allied economic blockade, and he even went so far to predict the end of the

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One German Opinion of Ex-Kaiser

COPENHAGEN, March 28.—The refusal of Count Hoensbroech, well known pan-German political writer and lecturer, to fight a duel with General von Plessen has revealed an interesting character sketch of the former Kaiser Wilhelm, says the "Lokal-Anzeiger." Von Plessen, who is seventy-eight years old, was for many years the Kaiser's adjutant general. His wrath was excited by a pamphlet "William II's Abdication and Flight," following the publication of which he challenged Hoensbroech to a duel.

In this pamphlet Hoensbroech said of the ex-Kaiser: "He is a superficial, slangy, vain, autocratic pomp lover, money proud, without seriousness, entirely given to externals, a despiser of humanity without capacity for friendship; a cherisher of grudges, a petty worshiper of a petty self without any grandeur of character; a poseur and play-actor, and at the same time—one of the worst things in rulers—a coward and without personal courage. Such is William II."

It was this last indictment in the formidable array of weaknesses that moved the chivalrous old general to send a challenge to Hoensbroech, who still professes himself a monarchist and even true to the Hohenzollern dynasty, but rejects William II as "a gravedigger of Germany" and "the rotten twig on the Hohenzollern tree" which it was his duty to snap off.

Bolshevik régime if the blockade continued. He said that owing to physical lack of bread, fuel and raw materials, it was natural that wrath should be provoked against the government and that it should also be accused of inefficiency.

Letts Want Supplies To Help Them Hold Back the Bolsheviks

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Should the Bolsheviks of Russia and the Spartans of Germany combine, the Soviet governmental system would spread over the world "like wildfire" and destroy everything, it is declared in a statement issued to-day by the Lithuanian National Council in the United States.

The statement indicates that the Lithuanian, Lettish and Estonian military forces soon will be united under a single command for combating Bolshevism. The Bolshevik troops on the Lithuanian front, the statement asserts, are being driven back two or three miles daily. The statement follows: "Lithuania has a fully equipped volunteer army of 12,000. She has more volunteers than she can equip and could have an army of 300,000 if equipment were available. No one can join the army without a certificate of good morals."

"The front against the Bolsheviks held by these troops is from Libau to the north of Shavli and north of Pon-evez. English troops have landed at Libau and greater force concentrated against Vilna. The front runs southeast through Lida and thence south to the Ukrainian boundary."

"There is a proposal to unify the command of the Lithuanian, Lettish and Estonian armies. The aim of Lithuania is to hold Bolshevism back in Russia until it either dies or becomes harmless."

Bolshevism Spreading Among Troops in Posen

COPENHAGEN, March 29.—The Berlin "Farsicht" reports that Bolshevism is spreading in the city of Posen, especially among the troops. Three hundred soldiers, the dispatch adds, have been arrested, and some of them have been shot.

Allies Demand Soviet Cabinet Quit in Hungary

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own, which has been officially recognized by the government.

The theatres, vaudeville houses and motion picture places have been taken over by the Minister of Education, who will supervise the editing of theatre programmes which also will be made to serve as organs of political enlightenment. Classical dramas and modern plays of the higher type make up the bulk of the offerings in the theatres under the new régime.

Religious instruction has been eliminated from the courses in the public schools, and political and social topics have been substituted.

Rumanians Charge Magyars Are Cause Of Europe's Discord

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Dr. E. Lucaciu, chairman of the Rumanian National Committee in the United States, declared in an interview to-day that the Rumanians see in the Hungarian situation "proof of their assertion that the Magyars are a discordant note among the civilized nations of Europe."

Explaining why the Magyars, a nation of aristocrats, have adopted the Soviet form of government, Dr. Lucaciu said: "Here is the whole secret of the movement and of the European war: We are used in America to see in the Germans the cause of the war, but the real cause was the Magyars. They gave themselves as tools to the Prussians to obtain supremacy over other nationalities in mid-Europe. More than a year ago the head of the Rumanian National Mission to this country informed the public that the crime of Sarajevo was a prearrangement between the Magyars and the Prussian junkers."

"This information was proved true by the spiritual adviser of the murdered Archduke Ferdinand. The Magyars thought that with Germany they would win the war and become masters of middle Europe, even though they should be servants of Prussian junkerdom."

Aspirations Are Kept Up
"They lost the war, but they have never given up their aspiration to dominate middle Europe, and seeing that they could not achieve such a Utopia with the help of the Allies, they turned to the Soviets of Russia, thinking that what they cannot have with the Germans or through the Allies they will get through the Russian Soviets."

Speaking of Count Karolyi, Dr. Lucaciu said: "Count Karolyi was in America when the war broke out, making a tour and promising the most democratic government in Hungary. When he arrived in France he was taken prisoner, but after the intervention of the French President, whom he claimed as a personal friend, and after giving his word of honor that he would never enlist to fight against the Allies, and in consideration of his illness (having cancer of the throat) he was allowed to proceed to Hungary."

"Among the first things he did when he arrived at Budapest was to enlist as a volunteer in a cavalry regiment in which he became a corporal. He repudiated all his democratic promises made in America."

"The second chapter of Karolyi can be judged from the interview which he

had with General Esnerney at Belgrade. He desired to appear as one of the Allies, or at least as a neutral. The general remarked that the Magyars were not neutrals or friends, but defeated enemies, and should consider themselves as such."

"He annoyed the Paris conference with endless memoranda, but naturally without result. The chapter closes with Count Karolyi's last act of desperation."

"Our one aim is not to leave a single Rumanian to be tyrannized over by the Magyars in the manner I have described. We ask that Rumania shall go as far as the ethnographic boundaries go, and they are the same as they were established between England, Italy, France and Rumania by a treaty before Rumania entered the war."

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Bolshevism Is 'Disease That Can Be Cured'

Food, Clothing and Medicines Needed to Drive Scourge From Russia, Declares Bakhmeteff

Whole Country Dismal

"Entire Population Mad," He Says, and Barbarism Threatens the World

PARIS, March 29 (By The Associated Press).—"Bolshevism is not a political movement, it is a social disease, and must be treated as such," said Boris Bakhmeteff, Russian Ambassador to the United States, to-day in discussing the efforts to check Bolshevism.

"All middle Europe is like a man with a fever," he continued. "Before the disease can be treated the temperature must be reduced, and the only way to do that is by supplying food, clothing, medicines and other things necessary to make life normal. And, in my opinion, German Bolshevism should be fought before that in other countries by such treatment."

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lapse into barbarism comparable with that in the fourth century, when Greek and Roman civilization were submerged. In Russia to-day practically the entire population is mad. Bolsheviks and non-Bolsheviks alike are unbalanced by the struggle and hardships, and are incapable of sound judgment. Hunger and suffering have rendered the Russians forgetful of the old standards, and they are indifferent to fate. The hopelessness can be overcome only by food and manufactured articles necessary for bodily comfort."

Sees Favorable Conditions

Commenting on the military situation in Russia, M. Bakhmeteff said that a summary of the Russian committee's dispatches from Archangel, Omsk, Kuban, the Don and Ukraine showed conditions favorable everywhere except in the southeast, where the Don Cossacks were much affected by the announcement of the proposed Prinkipo conference, and virtually gave up the struggle for a short time, saying that it was impossible to fight the Bolsheviks if the Allies gave such recognition. However, the Don Cossacks had been

reorganized under General Bognevsky, who had succeeded General Krasnov, and was at the present time cooperating with General Denikine.

M. Bakhmeteff expressed the belief that the entire Ukraine would fall under Bolshevik control, excepting Odessa. He said this was inevitable, as the Ukraine has not settled her agrarian troubles, and the forces under Petlura, the Ukrainian peasant leader, are far from being well organized.

Predicts Kolchak's Advance

On the Perm and Ufa fronts, in M. Bakhmeteff's opinion, the Kolchak forces are in excellent condition and will doubtless advance rapidly into Bolshevik territory when the extremely cold weather abates and the spring floods subside late in May. The Kolchak government is able to collect taxes, and, said the Ambassador, many other evidences of confidence in Kolchak's democracy are being displayed among all classes.

The Russian commission, according to M. Bakhmeteff, has learned that practically all the money for the Sparta movement in Germany was supplied by the Russian Bolshevik leaders.

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